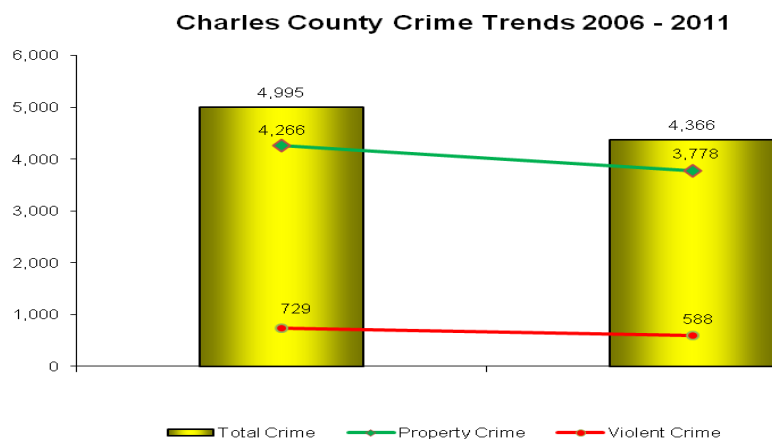


## Charles County

### *Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland*

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Charles County has seen a significant 12.6% reduction in total crime, a 19.3% reduction in violent crime, and an 11.4% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-12.9%), aggravated assaults (-23.2%), larceny/thefts (-12.4%), motor vehicle thefts (-35.6%).



### **CHARLES COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Charles County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 20 grants in Charles County totaling \$704,092. As a result, Charles County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Juvenile Drug Court** - Charles County's Juvenile Drug Court program targets juvenile justice system youth who are on probation and at risk of out-of-home placement. The program support life skills training, community activities, access to treatment services, substance abuse and mental health screening, and assessment for youth at the Juvenile Drug Court. The program also supports accountability-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among juveniles referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies by performing home curfew checks and providing drug testing supplies and contracted services. Educational field trips are also provided.

### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Child Abuse Trauma Recovery
- Protective order Entry

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#### **CHARLES COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

- **Disproportionate Minority Contact** –The tri-County Youth Services Bureau Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) program targets at risk youth and DMC in Charles County. The DMC program assists the coordination of a DMC sub-committee, collecting and analyzing data, increasing awareness, and educating the public, juvenile justice professionals, and stakeholders.
- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** – The Center for Abused Persons Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services project provides crisis intervention, individual, family, and group counseling, as well as 24 hour outreach and accompaniment for domestic violence victims. Individual and group counseling for abusers is also available.

The Center for Abused Persons also provides these same services for victims of rape and sexual assault.

The Charles County Sheriff's Office employs a Domestic Violence Coordinator who is responsible for providing assistance to victims of domestic violence, information and assistance to the general public, and liaison services.

- **Child Abuse Trauma Recovery** –The Center for Children Child Abuse Trauma Recovery program provides evidence-based trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to child victims of abuse and their non-offending parents. This program is a component of the Charles County Child Advocacy Center and serves 3 southern Maryland counties.



*"Charles County has had impressive results fighting crime. Its total crime rate is the lowest reported since 1975. This success stems from the county's comprehensive approach to law enforcement. The county works with young people through programs aimed at drinking and drugs, and it makes the most of technological tools such as license plate readers and DNA evidence testing to reduce crime. Its aggressive warrant initiative has been successful in taking violent criminals off the streets."*

Governor Martin  
O'Malley